

GOVERNOR DOUGLAS A. DUCEY

STATE OF ARIZONA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, older adults deserve to be treated with respect and dignity to enable them to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and vital participating members of our communities; and
WHEREAS, in 2006, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse designated June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day, in support of the United Nations International Plan of Action, to recognize the significance of elder abuse as a public health and human rights issue; and
WHEREAS, the National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) and the State of Arizona recognize the importance of taking action to raise awareness, prevent and address elder abuse; and
WHEREAS, the documented negative health effects of social isolation and loneliness in old age has intensified during this pandemic and social isolation has been established as one of the strongest predictors of elder abuse; and
WHEREAS, it is important to ensure that proper social structures exist so people can retain community and societal connections, reducing the likelihood of abuse; and
WHEREAS, examples of community and societal connections could include senior centers, human services and transportation will allow everyone to continue to live as independently as possible and contribute to the life and vibrancy of our communities; and
WHEREAS, Arizona values its seniors and appreciates their contributions as leaders, mentors, volunteers, and important members of this community.
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Douglas A. Ducey, Governor of the State of Arizona, do hereby proclaim June 15, 2021 as

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

and encourage our communities to recognize and celebrate older adults and their ongoing contributions to the success and vitality of our country.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona


GOVERNOR

DONE at the Capitol in Phoenix on this Fifth day of May in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-One, and of the Independence of the United States of America the Two Hundred and Forty-Fifth.

ATTEST:



SECRETARY OF STATE

